Stoner Will Challenge Busbee

ATLANTA (UPI) — White supremacist J.B. Stoner, under indictment in Alabama for the 1958 bombing of a black church, has announced he will challenge the re-election candidacy of Gov. George D. Busbee.

Stoner also said Friday he may also consider running against Sen. Sam Nunn, depending on how Georgia's junior senator votes on the Panama Canal treaties.

The 53-year-old Marietta attorney, a frequent but unsuccessful candidate in statewide races, criticized Busbee for supporting legislation designed to wipe out employment discrimination in state government. The bill passed the House Thursday.

Stoner, head of the small National States Rights Party, said he was "100 percent against all of the civil rights legislation that is being rammed through the Georgia legislature by race-mixing Gov. George Busbee."

Busbee has said he will make his formal announcement for a second term after the General Assembly adjourns its session in March. Under a new constitutional amendment, he is the first modern Georgia governor eligible for a second term. So far, Stoner is his only challenger.

"It is bad enough to have the white-hating politicians in Washington oppressing us with civil rights laws without having Busbee and the other scalawag politicians at the state Capitol joining in on the federal program to make second class citizens out of the white people of Georgia," said Stoner.

Busbee has signed extradition papers to return Stoner to Birmingham, Ala., to face charges of bombing the black church. Stoner has fought the move in the courts, claiming he was not in Alabama when the church was bombed.

Stoner said also that Busbee "favors surrendering our canal to Panama."

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